



What's happening this week?

Wednesday 8th March: Ladies from 09:00 to 09:30

Thursday 10th March: Ladies from 09:44 to 10:00

Friday 11th March: Seniors from 08:00 to 09:00

Friday 11th March: Seniors scratch team match from 09:30 to 10:00

Saturday 12th March: County match from 10:00 to 11:00

Saturday 12th March: Mens club match (inter-club) from 11:00 to 12:30

Sunday 13th March: Scratch team V's Dunstable from 09:00 to 09:30

Sunday 13th March: Mixed friendly from 10:00 to 10:40

Tuesday 14th March: Seniors winter challenge 08:00 to 09:00

Dates for the diary:

Sunday Lunch:

Roast Dinner will be available Sunday, from 13:00.

Roast lamb and stuffed rolled pork all served with all the trimmings are available this week.

Please book with a member of the team or email: events@themillbrook.com

Steak Night:

I'm pleased to report that our February steak night was fully booked and well received by all that attended, Emma, Anna and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I can say without hesitation that the cuts of meat being served are among the best you will find locally.

Our Next steak night is Friday 31st March.... Book early to avoid disappointment! events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

Quiz Night

Our next quiz night will be held on Friday 24th March. £7 per quizzier to include food.

Maximum of six players per team.

Teams should enter as soon as possible by contacting Emma, Bob, Nathan or I.

events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

Meat Raffle:

Thank you for your continued support of the meat raffle.

The winners that need to collect from cold storage asap from Sunday 5th March are:

- Andrew Coleman

- Graham Harrison

- Bob Howell

- Ben Abbott

- Paul Getgood

- Paul Leckie

- Gordon Malcolm

- John Ainley

- Gavin Churchman

Subscription Renewals

Thank you to all those members that have already re-newed for next season, it really does help us plan for next year...

Subscriptions are now past due for the 2017/18 season, If you are yet to renew please contact me prior to using the clubs facilities.

Keech Hospice Charity Golf Event - Friday 14th April

We have once again agreed to host the above event on Good Friday (14th April 2017)

This is a really fun day out, played in teams of four, starting with a buffet style Full English Breakfast followed by 18 holes of golf, best 3 scores from 4 to count. In order to encourage members to participate, the much reduced entry fee of £17.00 will hopefully encourage your participation. Please see the notice board or tables in the bar for an entry form.

Alternatively, email: alberonpro@aol.com to register your entry.

Captains Charity Day 2017

Message from our captain Paul Masters:

Dear Members

Thank you so much to those of you who joined me last week on my Captains drive in, due to your involvement it was a very special day, I would like to call on your assistance and generosity again as I am beginning to arrange Charity Day on Saturday 8th July and require donations for auction lots and raffle prizes, if anyone would like to sponsor a hole that would be very welcome as well.

In case you were not aware my chosen charity is "Chums" based in Ampthill, they work with children and young adults who have suffered bereavement and loss, also helping them to deal with trauma in their lives.

Please contact me directly as soon as possible so I can get this aspect of the day organised.

You can contact me on Mob: 07796 711073 or email: pmasters24@gmail.com

Summer Ball 2017

The Summer Ball is booked for the Saturday 30th September, different entertainment this year which promises to get a few of you on your feet and dancing....



The Millbrook
Members Golf Club

Dominic Kaye's
It's a Swing Thing
Hits of the Rat Pack & Swing era
FOLLOWED BY CLASSIC PARTY SONGS

Ticket price: £45
Includes champagne reception
and 3 course dinner

The End of Summer Ball
Saturday 30th September

What's been happening?

Sunday Stableford

Played in what I hope will be the worst conditions of the season, the March Sunday stableford was well supported and despite the weather some impressive scoring was produced.

As advised on Sunday, this competition and the next stableford on the 18th of March should hopefully be the only competitions played from the mats (depending on the weather) Playing from the mats unfortunately means the CSS score is around 70, a score of 41 points or more is therefore required for a handicap reduction.

Competition Result

March Sunday Stableford (05/03/2017 CSS: 70 Par: 74)

Division 1 Result

1st Mr Mark Denman 40c
2nd Mr Jamie Jakins 40c
3rd Mr Will Glenister 39c

Division 2 Result

1st Mst Samuel Woodham 44c
2nd Mr. Mike Baron 39c
3rd Mr M McCormack 38c

Hopefully most players noticed that we had time keepers on the course. This will continue throughout the season, our hope is to ensure all competition rounds are played in under 4 hours, 15 minutes. We will also endeavour to have a starter for busy Saturday and Sunday social golf days.

Course:

Whilst we have been affected by the rain, Duncan, Chris, John & Rob M, certainly haven't let it dampen their spirits!

- Work continued on the 1st tee, meaning it's completely turfed and growing as I type (hopefully) We pray that Spring is kind to us allowing play from the new tee during May. I must stress that this is completely dependant on weather!

- Our tree surgeon has been hard at work trying to make certain holes a bit more playable! the big tree near the 10th yellow tee has been trimmed to allow use of the whole back tee rather than the left side only! The big oak trees at the top of number 11 have been pollarded to create a larger target area and the trees to the left of the 17th fairway have been trimmed right back to give better sight of the fairway and a larger target area.

The tree in the pond has been moved and cutting work has started. It's a big job but we will endeavour to remove it completely as and when time permits.

- The whole course has been sprayed for worms.

- The tees have been Vert-Drained

- The greens have been sprayed with a winter feed

- The fairways, tees, green surrounds and greens have been given their first proper cut this year.

- The greens have been ironed.

And that's just in the last 10 days.....

Changes to The Rules Of Golf

The media coverage surrounding the changes to the rules of golf has been impressive! It's the first time I can remember amendments and changes to the rules of golf making the BBC breakfast news! The changes have been marketed by our governing body as "modernising the rules" and "speeding up the game"

I have listed some highlights of the proposed changes below but would like to remind members that all amendments and changes are effective from 2019.....

Please don't adopt these changes during competition play until then!

Feel free to play quicker however!!

Highlights of the proposed Rule changes

- Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties: There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.
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- Relaxed putting green rules: There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.
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- Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.
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- Relaxed bunker rules: There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.
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- Relying on player integrity: A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.
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- Pace-of-play support: Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.
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- Simplified way of taking relief: A new procedure for taking relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from a specific relief area; relaxed procedures for dropping a ball, allowing the ball to be dropped from just above the ground or any growing thing or other object on the ground.

Competition Rules 2017/18

A new rule has been introduced for the 2017/18 competitive season. Members entering our major competitions must have played in three standard stroke-play or stableford competitions (monthly qualifiers) to be eligible to compete for the prizes.

The three qualifying competitions must have been played in the 12 months preceding the day of competition. Non Returns do not count as a qualifying score.

Example:

The Spring Foursomes is the first mens major competition this season, due to be played on the 26th March 2017. Competitors must have played three qualifiers since 26th March 2016.

Situations Vacant:

We require a part time COOK for the kitchen, hours and days of the week will vary but a core average of 20 hours per week will be offered. Please talk to Emma or I should you know of anyone in need of a part time job. events@themillbrook.com

Referral Scheme:



Introduce New Members to The Millbrook and you could be playing your golf for FREE!!

The Millbrook has launched an Exciting New Member Referral Programme

If you introduce a guest to The Millbrook as a new 7-Day Member, your golf could be half price. Introduce two and your golf could be free. Introduce 4 and you could have 2 years free golf! There is no limit!! Better still: If the guests renew their Membership for a second year, we'll give you a further 25% of that Membership Subscription off your future subscription



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